ONTARIO CHRISTIAN GLEANERS

USING SURPLUS PRODUCE TO FEED A HUNGRY WORLD

Disaster Relief Being Met all Around the World

NOVEMBER 2026



Guatemala

176 students now receive daily nutritious meals—prepared in part with the dry vegetables you provided—alongside essential vitamins and clean, safe water. Every plate directly fights malnutrition, fuels growing bodies, and sharpens young minds. The children beam with health, focus better in class, and look forward to each meal with joy and gratitude.

-Loving Arms

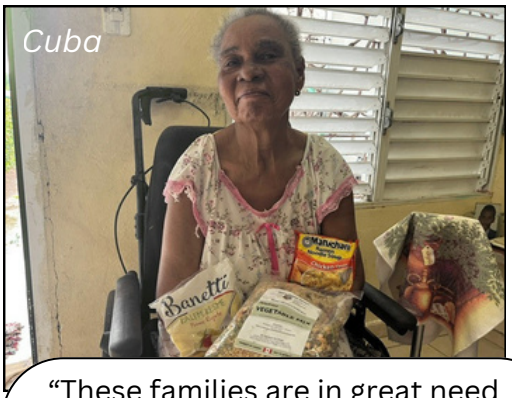
"Zeref Berhanu, a mother of six, faced severe hunger after repeated flooding destroyed her livelihood, while rising food prices and insecurity made it difficult to provide for her family. Through Samaritan's Purse, her family received food assistance, including ready-to-cook meals that required only boiling water, bringing relief when their supplies were nearly gone. Grateful for God's provision, Zeref says, "He saw our problem and sent you to respond," and now she can feed her children with greater peace of mind and renewed hope." -Jason Marten Samaritan's Purse



Ethiopia

"They provided us with food when we had nothing," Zeref says. "Now, we can feed our children without worry."

Beyond providing nourishment, these meals remind children that they are cared for by the global Body of Christ and offer encouragement and hope amid difficult circumstances.



Cuba

"These families are in great need and often cannot afford to purchase food due to increased prices. Many individuals wept and said they just ran out of food that morning. Your ministry is making an impact."

-Brad Wilson
Impact Hope



Haiti

"At orphanages, schools, parishes, and youth groups, the soup mix helped provide daily meals, support school attendance and learning, and strengthen community outreach. Each bag eased the burden on caregivers and educators while ensuring vulnerable children and families received nourishment and support. More than food, every bag represented hope and the impact of compassionate donors.

-Geraldine Issac
CFFC



Haiti

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A Word From Our Manager

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you"
John 15:12

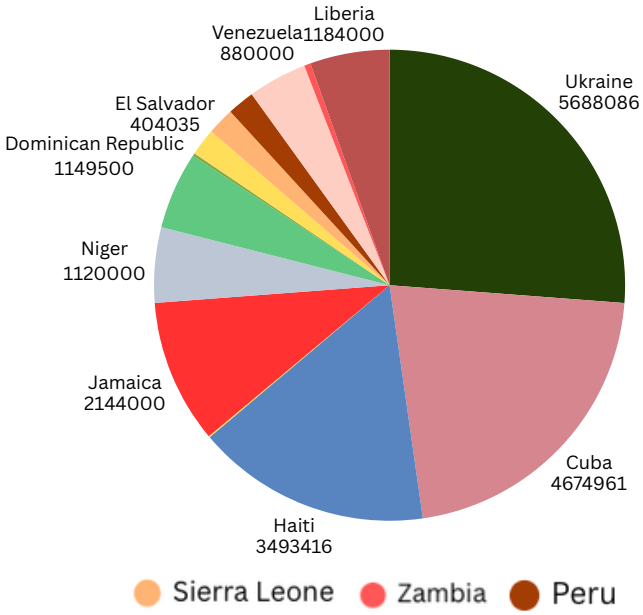
This verse was a central theme of our fundraising banquet held on October 23rd where we celebrated all that God has done and is doing. This verse is also printed on each of our bags of dehydrated vegetable mix. That's over 200,000 labelled bags this year.

How often we are reminded of God's greatness! We are wondering where the abundance of food will come from to keep our dryer running at capacity? He provides! Just recently we received a call, can we come for broccoli - today?? On the same day the text arrives that there are baby carrots for us and they will be ready the next day for pickup and another load in a few days. How thankful we are for our truck drivers that are dedicated and flexible!

During the evening we shared about our stewardship and strategy meeting that was held in June discussing future growth opportunities within the building and caring for our volunteers.
Our dryer has been our production limiter for quite some time. We have added a second dryer shift, which is helpful, but after much discussion and prayer, we will be putting an addition onto the dryer which will enable us to increase production by up to 40%. The cost for this refurbishing is $95,000, significantly less than quotes for a new or second dryer. We will also be adding an auger system to replace our conveyor belt that feeds the dryer. The auger will fit in the shortened space after the dryer addition and will improve cleanup after the dryer shift is over.



SERVINGS DISTRIBUTED IN 2026: OVER 21.7 MILLION



We also discussed care for our volunteers both spiritually and physically. We will be adding another social event to our calendar in addition to our BBQ and Christmas socials. A prayer request box has been added to our resource wall that has Bibles and booklets available. We are working on plans to add prayer gatherings and walks for those that wish to arrive a little earlier to pray for the work of the Gleaners, our volunteers, mission groups and those receiving our food.



Consider joining us as we serve to help those in need in these countries and others around the world. Weekday mornings 8:30 - 11:15 are addictive - once you sign up, you keep coming back! Groups are welcome to book a mid-day tour and volunteer opportunity and we also have our popular once a month evening shift. Signup here https://ontariogleaners.org/volunteer/ or call the office 519-624-8245.

As we ended our evening at the fundraising banquet, the crowd of 296 guests sang the words of Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow and we rejoiced that the Lord was truly praised that evening and is each new day.

With thankfulness,
Elaine Merkus

SILENT AUCTION

SNEAK PEEK

BIDDING OPEN FROM
NOVEMBER, 13TH–19TH 2026

https://ocgauction.fundraiser.bid



GTA EXOTICS

Go to OntarioGleaners.org and click “fundraisers” to bid on these great items!

WINNERS
HOMESENSE
Marshalls

SPORTCHEK

SAIL

Gift Cards
Items
Tickets
Experiences
Baked Goods
& More!



If you are interested in donating an item or service please contact:
(P) 519-624-8245 or email gleanersoffice@gmail.com







TREETOP TREKKING

Christmas Wish List



Donate. YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

65 Bags of Vegetable Mix can fit in each Drum.

6,500 Servings of Food per Drum!



Split Peas.

Cost $524 per metric ton ($50/70kg





Knives

Large Knife: $24.19
Paring Knife: $12.99



Feeding Hungry People.

$8 - 100 meals
$40 - 500 meals
$80 - 1000 meals

Cooler Upgrade Balance: $33,395



Dryer Expansion: $95,000



WHAT

Please consider making a donation that will go directly towards purchasing one of these items.
** Donations may cover a portion of the value of the item **
All donations of $20 or more will receive a tax receipt

WHY

These items will help us in our daily work of processing surplus vegetables to make nutritious vegetable mixes for distribution to needy people in countries around the world. With the large demand for our food, we are working hard and creatively to meet these requests and your financial support for this is greatly appreciated!

HOW

Gift cards specifying your donated item are available upon request when making a donation on behalf of a loved one.
Donations can be made by:

- **Cash**
- **Cheque**
- **e-transfer** - etransfers@OntarioGleaners.org (please note your name, address and item donating towards in the message section)
- **Credit card** - https://www.ontariogleaners.org/credit-card-donation.html

Please note for 2025 receipts, donations must be postmarked by December 31st 2026.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Silent Auction
Nov 13-19th 2026

OPEN HOUSE
10:30am

Nov 10
Dec 8
Jan 11
Feb 10

EVENING SHIFTS
7-9pm

Nov 17
Dec 8
Jan 19
Feb 9

CLOSED

Remembrance Day Nov 11
Christmas Shutdown - December 21- Jan 1
Family Day - Feb 15